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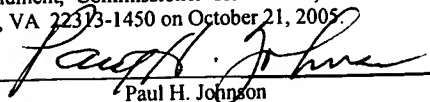
**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 2005**

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2005, and specifically in response to the restriction requirement. Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group II, Claims 17-35, which are drawn to a method for separating oil from water, classified in Class 210, subclass 703.

Claims 1-16 (Group I) are withdrawn from further consideration. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications on the cancelled claims.

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